

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) Leaf stripper ~~with~~ comprised of a frame (1) having a circular housing (9) inside which a blade turbine (10) and a blade (5) are mounted rotating on a shaft (6) which is connected to a motor (7), characterized by an apertured plate (3) with openings (4) ~~is~~ mounted on the upper part of the frame and with straight rods which form a grill, which rods extend beyond the apertured plate ~~and on the blade, the plant to be stripped is positioned on the apertured plate during leaf stripping through~~ a sleeve (11) with an exit opening (12), mounted on the side of the frame and that a suction device (15) ~~is~~ mounted on the sleeve.

2. (Canceled) Leaf stripper, as per claim 1, characterized by an apertured plate that has straight rods, which forms a grill and whose rods are longer on one side in order to act as a guide for the plant to be leaf stripped.

3. (Original) Leaf stripper, as per claim 1, characterized by an apertured plate that has parallel openings.

4. (Original) Leaf stripper, as per claim 1, characterized by an apertured plate that has guiding grooves and ribs.